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In re application of: Hariklia Deligianni, et al.	Date: October 20, 2004
Serial Number: 10/604,278	Examiner: Bernard Rojas
Filed: 7/08/03	Group Art Unit: 2832 /Conf # 1271
Title: Noble Metal Contacts for Micro-Electromechanical Switches	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/300, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

The Examiner in the Office Action has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, stating that the claims belong to:

GROUP I, Claims 1-13, drawn to a MEM switch, and,

GROUP II, Claims 14-27 drawn to a method of creating a MEM switch.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of **GROUP I**, consisting of Claims 1-13, and withdraw from consideration the claims forming **GROUP II**, as being drawn to

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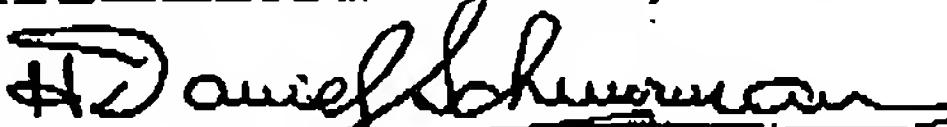
non-elected invention, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a Divisional or Continuation or Continuation-in-Part Patent Application for the withdrawn claims.

Therefore, the invention of GROUP II, namely, Claims 14-27 can be withdrawn by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. 1.142 b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The election of claims is made without traverse.

The Office Action further states that the application contains claims directed to patentable distinct species of the claimed invention, each species representing a separate embodiment of the invention. Applicants contend that an election of species is not warranted since the elected Group I (Claims 1-13) claims a MEM switch which structure reads on all the stated species (i.e., embodiments 1 through 4). During a telephone interview conducted on October 14, the Examiner concurred with the Applicants' representative. In view of the foregoing, the present response does not include an election of species.

Respectfully submitted,
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